Brain Drain from ISRO

3622. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a brain drain of a serious dimension from the Indian Space Research Organisation during the last five years;

(b) if so, the number of scientists who left the Organisation during this period, the reasons therefor and the countries to which they have gone;

(c) whether it has seriously affected the work schedule of this prestigious science institute of the country; and

(d) the steps taken to stop this brain drain from ISRO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Scientists/Engineers leaving Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is not a totally new phenomenon as there have been resignations in the past, too. However, in the recent past, there has been an increase in the number of persons leaving the organisation possibly for better prospects, especially in certain disciplines like computers and telecommunications. As many as 530 Scientists/Engineers have left during the last five years and personal reasons have been cited for such resignations. The liberalisation of the economy since 1991-92 has provided them new employment opportunities in our country itself with high remuneration levels. The exact information in respect of persons who have gone abroad, is not available.

(c) The resignations of Scientists/Engineers have so far not had any serious impact on the schedule of the Space Programme. However, occasions did arise when schedule critical work had to slow down for a while in a few areas owing to a number of Scientists/Engineers leaving almost at the same time.

(d) Better housing facilities, further opportunities for academic and related activities including further studies, enhancement of interface between Scientists and industry are among the steps proposed.

Urban environment management programme of HUDCO

3623. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether HUDCO organised some Urban Environment Management programme in New Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the meet was attended by noted engineers, town planners, sociologists, journalists, architects of some foreign countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof, with suggestions received in the meet;

(e) whether Government propose to implement some of the suggestions to promote environmental awareness amongst citizens of country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) A five day workshop on "Capacity Building for Urban Environment Management" was organised by HSMT of HUDCO during February 17-21, 1997, as a part of a training programme on "Urban Development Management: Perspectives & Possibilities".

(c) and (d) The Workshop was attended by an inter-disciplinary group of participants from 18 foreign countries as well as India. The workshop focussed on

some of the successful experiences related to urban environment management.

(e) and (f) The Workshop being a part of training programme on overall Urban Management issues, no action at Government level is called for.

Ground Rent paid by Oil Companies to DDA

3624. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector oil companies have paid ground rent to D.D.A. in respect of retail outlet sites allotted by D.D.A. in 1996 as well-as ground rent in advance for 1997;

(b) if so, the details of payments received by D.D.A., company-wise and outlet-wise;

(c) whether D.D.A. has not yet handed over physical possession of any allotted sites, despite receipt of advance payment;

(d) whether Government propose to ask the D.D.A. to hand over possession of the sites for which payment has been received by it; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, with action proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of payment received by DDA, company-wise and outlet-wise for the year 1996 and 1997 are annexed as Annexure, [*See* Appendix 180 Annexure No. 76]

(c) to (e) The DDA has reported that only in one case of retail outlet site at DDA Store, Mayapuri is yet to be handed over despite receipt of advance payment. Arrangements for handing over the possession of the site were made as per the direction of the Supreme Court. However, the concerned Oil Companies refused to take over the site on one ground or the other. Further action in the matter depends upon the direction from the Hon'ble Court.

CPWD Employees Retaining General Pool Accommodation

3625. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CPWD employees in Delhi who are at present staying in Delhi Administration flats/quarters;

(b) the number of employees working in PWD (Delhi Administration) at present who are retaining General Pool accommodation of the Directorate of Estate, typewise; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to regularise all the above said accommodation mutually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) No such separate department-wise statistics are maintained by this Ministry.

(c) Employees occupying accommodation of Delhi Administration are required to vacate it on their posting to a Central Government Office eligible for allotment of General Pool Residential accommodation. Such employees are considered for their entitled type of accommodation in General Pool in case their date of priority has been covered or otherwise in the next has been covered or otherwise in the next below type. Till such allotments are made to an officer, he is eligible to continue to retain the accommodation in his occupation on normal terms. Similarly, when a Central Government employee is transferred to Delhi Administration, the latter